

To Mark Collins Jun^r Town Treasurer
to pay Peter Fay Seven Shillings and
and his Receipt shall be your Discharge for so much
Six pence as granted by the Town

To ~~7-6~~ Peter Fay

Southborough April 23: 1787
Nathan Bridges } Selectmen
Jon^a Champney } for
Elyah Brigham } Southbor^e

MS.

Granted
Peter Fay

The Town of Southborough I do owe the Subscriber
For keeping my avar horse from the 29 of november
To sixteenth of December two weeks and four days
In the year 1785 total c. 7. 6 — Peter Jay

Peter Fay

The town of Southborough Dr to me subscriber
For keeping m^d a care horse from the 18 of april to
The ninth of may in the year 1786 three weeks
At three shillings p^r week total £0.9.0. Peter Fay

Southborough April 23^d 1784 To Mark Collins Jun.^r Town Treasurer
or his Successor in said office please to pay Peter Fay the within order as
granted by the town and his receipt shall be your discharge for so
much

Peter Fay

0-9-0

Attest

Jon^s Champlin
Nathan Bridges
Elijah Brigham

{ Select Men

Granted

Mr Mark Collins Treasurer of Southborough
please to pay to Mr Daniel Farrington two
pounds sixteen shillings for supplying the pulpit
two Sabbath —

William Collins Ministerial

Southborough Oct 29, 1785

Edmund Chamberlain } Committee

L2-16

Southborough Oct 29, 1788
Then received the Contents in full of all accounts
I say received by me Daniel Harrington

Settled

Southbor^o - March 6th, 1788

To Mark Collier Jun^r Treasurer for said Town
or his Successor in said office. Please to Pay
the within account to Col^o Ward and his Receipt
shall be your Discharge for the same

Jon^a Chamfrney
Elijah Brigham.
Nathan Bridges } Set at Men
for
Southbor^o.

Rec^d the above of Mr.
Elipha Hay & Jon^a Ward

Feb 17-2

Col^o Ward's acct.

Gratis

Southborough Oct^r 23^d 1787

The Town of Southborough to Jonathan Ward Dr
To $3\frac{3}{4}$ yards of yard wide Hollen at $\frac{1}{6}$ 0:16:10 $\frac{1}{2}$
and Thread $3\frac{1}{2}$ delivered Mr ———— 0:0:3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Abishai Colton toward his pay for preaching
in said Southborough ———— Total £ 0:07:2:0
Jⁿ Ward

Colton

Southborough April y^d 26th 1787

For value Reciv^d I promise for my self or my Successor
in the office of Treasurer to pay m^r Benjamin
Green or his order Three pounds £-3-0 on Demand
Intrest till payed it being for two Days
Supplying the pulpet in Said town Witness
my hand ~~Attest~~ ~~Attest~~ Juneth 1787 Treasurer for
Southborough

Notes -
B. Green
of
Inhabitants
of Southboro

S. M. L.

Thompson's Green

29-14-29

Received of Nathan Bridges Constable for
Southborough five Dollars in part for supplying the
Pulpit in sd Town & said Received by me
March 26. 1787
£ 1. 10. 0

Shaddens Fiske

Thaddeus Fiske
Rept. 1. 10. 0

S. M. Wood

Southboro' 8th January 1784

Received of Mr. Nathan Bridges Constable
for the Town of Southboro' Two Pounds eight
Shillings lawful Money in full for preach-
ing in said Town which I have entered upon
the Note given me by the Treasurer

£2. 8. 0

Benjaⁿ Greene

my given Receipt for
£ 2: 8: 0

Nathan Bridges

Settled with the Treasurers

Southborough Jan^y 28th 1788

To Mark Collins Jun^r Treasurer for said Town or his Successor
in said office. Sir Please to Pay Thomas Stone one pound
five Shillings it being for keeping Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Cotton
horses and his Mulet shall be your Discharge for so much

£ 1.5.0

Jon^{as} Champney
Elijah Brigham
Hezekiah Frey } Silent Men
for
Southbor^y

Thomas Stone

Edith

To the Church & Congregation in Southborough.

Gentlemen, Whereas you have given me a Call to settle with you as your Gospel Minister, I would inform you that having taken into Consideration your Call, asked the Advice of Parents, Friends & Relatives & sought to Heaven for Direction in this weighty matter, my Answer is in the Affirmative.

Provided however that you do as soon as may be purchase some Land handy to the Meeting-house at what it is justly worth in money, & to the Amount or nearly to the Amount of the hundred & fifty Pounds which you propose for a Settlement & then Town Security be given for the Payment of it.

2^d) That you do annually & punctually pay to me Seventy five Pounds Salary & twenty Cord of Wood. But as there was a Number in Town who opposed the Grant of Wood in Addition to the Salary, so if any or all of that Number will yearly & personally come to me & testify their unwillingness to pay their Proportion of the Wood that is granted; to them will I relinquish their proportion of the Wood, during the time of their Continuance under my ministry.

3^d) On supposition visible Sanctity is made a Term of Admission ^{to full Communion} in this Church & that whenever any Person or Persons shall be admitted into the Church, they shall be left to their own Option whether to give a Public Declaration of their religious Experiences or not.

4th) On Condition I have two or three Sabbaths allowed me every Year without supplying the Pulpit to visit my Parents & Friends who live at a considerable Distance, & that you do from time to time by your Christian Behaviour & Brotherly Kindness endeavour to render my Labours useful & serviceable among you.

Southborough Jan. 12th 1788. Abishai Colton

Mr. Cottons Answer

Mr. Abishai Cottons
Answer.

To the Church & Inhabitants of Southborough
Gentlemen

You are sensible that you gave me a Call to
settle with you as your Gospel Minister by a large
majority of Votes, & that out of regard to this People
& a Consideration of your Union I gave my Answer
in the Affirmative provided you would make some
little Alterations in your Proposals. But as you have
not on the whole made those Alterations which I re-
quested in my Answer, & as there has great uneasi-
ness arisen in the Town respecting the Alterations
requested, I cannot think it will be for my Peace
& Happiness or for the good of the Town to tarry. There-
fore I beg Leave to withdraw my Answer & to give it
in the Negative. —

I would further recommend it to the Town to consider
that if they would ever have a Candidate for the
Gospel Ministry settled among them, it is for their
own Character to be tender of the Character of Can-
didates that come among you, & not to raise false &
scurrilous reports concerning any of them. For with
you as well as with them a good Name is rather to be
chosen than Silver. —

Abishai Cotton
Southborough March 5th 1738

To the Moderator of the
Town Meeting to be
communicated this Day.

Mr. Thomas Letter

Southborough Feb/13th 1788.

Rec^d of W^m Mark Collins Jun^r, as Town Treasurer, the
full sum of Nineteen pounds, ten shillings in full for supplying
your pulpit thirteen Sabbaths, being the whole time I have
preached in this Town

Am^e Enock Pond

Creek
Pond

John

Southborough March 17th 1788

To Mr. Mark Collins junr. Town Treas-
urer, this is to certify that Mr. Abishai
Cotton supplied the Pulpit in this
Town thirty Sabbaths from the tenth
of August to this time, at One Pound
four Shillings per Day - £36 Pounds.

A. sahel Matthews } Committee for sup-
plying the Pulpit
William Collins

Southborough March 24: 1788
Recd of Mark Collins Jr Treasurer sixteen
Pounds, and also a note of Twenty pounds
it being in full Abigail Colton

allowed	£ 16-0-0
	6-18-6
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Due to me	£ 9-1-6

Settled

Southborough March 6th 1788

To Mark Collins Sur^r. Tinsurer for said Town or his
Successor in said office Sir Please to ^{pay} Nathan Bridges
or order Eight Pounds and his receipt shall be your
Discharge for the same it being for Boarding M^r. Cotton
and keeping his horse

Jon^{as} Champey } Sited Men
Elijah Brigham }
Jonas Ball } for

L 8-0-0-0

Southborough

N. B. Bridges
Order of G. O. O.

Nathan Bridges -

Settled

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To the Inhabitant of Southborough In Town Meeting assembled Gentlemen
and Brethren I offer my Protest & Decent, against the Proceedings
of the Town & Church, for these following Reasons —
1^{ly}: Whereas a Number of Persons in this Town, have by their Unwary
Proceedings caused Sundry Additions to be made to Mr. Cottons Call,
Before ever he gave us any answer, all which was Inconsistent
to the Interest of the Town, ~~the~~

2^{ly}: Whereas the Church have changed & altered the Constitution
or manner of Church Government, which we and our Fathers held
to be sacred & good; By their Votes have made the ancient
Custom Void, and have forbid or would not Receive many Persons
to bring their Children to the ordinance of Baptism, which was
in Covenant, or had the Seals of Baptism on them — We read
Mark 10: Chap: 13: of a Number in Christ, time that forbid Little
Children to be Brought to him; But Christ was Displeased at
them and said Suffer them to come & forbid them not —
and we have a Number now ~~among us~~ among us that
will not Let Children be Brought to Christ Covenant to be
Baptized — and I give it as my Sentiment, that the
Church have Broken Covenant with the People, & the People
ought not to Joyn with the Church in settling a Minister
till that matter is settled

Solomon Newton

Southborough.

March 3: 1788

Solⁿ. Newton's Letter